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I would like to comment on the proposed delay reduction amendments to MCR 7.204, MCR 7.210, and MCR 7.212 (ADM File No. 2002-34). As a current practitioner and former prehearing attorney for the Court of Appeals, it seems to me that internal court delays are far more significant to the time it takes the Court to decide a case than are the filing deadlines imposed on the parties. I believe shortening the time that parties have to prepare an appeal will have little or no impact on the time it takes the Court to dispose of a case, and is more likely to result in sloppy briefing and prejudice to the rights of individuals. Ultimately, this will add to the burden of the Court and slow things down--exactly the opposite result from what the Court hopes to achieve.

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